

DETAILED ACTION

Status of Claims

1. This action is responsive to amendment filed on April 9, 2008, where Applicant amended claim 1 and cancelled claims 7-24. Claims 1-6 are pending.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's amendments and arguments with respect to claims 1-6 have been considered and are persuasive.
3. All previous rejections are withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1-6 allowed.
5. For an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance, please see Office Action dated 2/22/2008.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to RAMY M. OSMAN whose telephone number is (571)272-4008. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9-5.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ario Etienne can be reached on (571) 272-4001. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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